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SUBJECT: AIFLD

REF: A) PARAMARIBO 274 AND STATE 117047

1. DEPARTMENT AND AID/W NOTE PARAMARIBO'S (REF A) COMMENTS AND AGREE THAT PARTICIPANT CLEARANCE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN REF B IS NOT DEVOID OF PITFALLS. OUR FORMULA WAS NOT INTENDED AS A PANACEA BUT RATHER WAS AN HONEST ATTEMPT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO POST'S DESIRE (PARAMARIBO 274) TO LESSEN POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM REFUSAL TO ISSUE VISAS FOR LABOR TRAINEES. UNFORTUNATELY, NO PROCEDURE IS WITHOUT SOME RISK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLE VISA PROBLEMS FOR AID-FUNDED PARTICIPANTS TO THE

U.S.

2. WE BELIEVE THE CCL DOES NOT YET HAVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT TO CONTROL ALL PARTICIPANT SELECTION PROCEDURES AMONG ITS MANY AFFILIATES WITHOUT RISKING POSSIBLE DISAFFILIATIONS AND SEVERE STRAINED RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN. TO INSIST ON A STRICT AND UNREALISTIC PROCEDURE NOW WOULD RIGHTLY BE CONSTRUED BY THE CCL AND ITS AFFILIATES AS AN INFRINGEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FREE LABOR ORGANIZATION (THE CCL) WHOSE BASIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WE SUPPORT

BASED ON SECTION 601 OF THE FAA.

3. AIFLD HAS BEEN FULLY APPRISED OF POSTS' CONCERN AND HAS REAFFIRMED ITS PAST AND CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN REDUCING THE RISK OF HAVING AN UNDESIRABLE NOMINEE. AID/W BELIEVES THE HIGH CALIBRE AIFLD REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (BEASLEY AND MIGALA) LOCATED AT CCL HEADQUARTERS IN BRIDGETOWN GREATLY ENHANCES OVERALL CAPABILITIES FOR MONITORING PARTICIPANT SELECTION FOR THE FUTURE.

4. IN ORDER TO ALLOW POSTS MAXIMUM LEAD TIME TO CHECK ON NOMINEES, AIFLD/W REITERATES THAT ITS REGIONAL REP. WILL INFORM ALL POSTS BY CABLE SIMULTANEOUSLY AS HE INFORMS AIFLD'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON OF CCL NOMINEES PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF DSP-66 FORMS. THIS IS THE FIRST POINT AT WHICH WE CAN FEASIBLY MAKE THEIR NAMES AVAILABLE TO POSTS WITHOUT UNDUE MEDDLING IN CCL AND THEIR AFFILIATES' AFFAIRS. THE QUOTE EMBARRASSMENT UNQUOTE FOR REJECTION OF A NOMINEE OR DENIAL OF VISA IS ONE OF THE CALCULATED RISKS INHERENT IN THIS KIND OF UNION-TO-UNION PROGRAM. IN ANY CASE, THE OVERALL AIFLD TRACK RECORD ON PARTICIPANTS TO THE U.S. FROM ALL OVER L.A. AND THE CARIBBEAN HAS BEEN EXCELLENT PRECISELY BECAUSE OF AIFLD'S DESIRE TO TRAIN DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISTS AND ITS WISH TO COOPERATE WITH OUR OVERSEAS MISSION IN EVERY WAY. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, REQUESTED THAT AIFLD AGAIN INFORMALLY ADVISE THE CCL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE BASIC CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO OBTAIN A VALID VISA TO THE U.S. AIFLD CONCURS AND WILL DO SO.

5. IF CONGEN WOULD LIKE MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE AIFLD PROGRAM, THE AIFLD CARIBBEAN PROGRAM DIRECTOR, VICTOR BEASLEY STANDS READY TO TRAVEL TO PARAMARIBO AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO DO SO.

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